

**House File 2054 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the therapeutic classroom incentive program  
2 by authorizing the expenditure of moneys for certain  
3 nutritional items and making appropriations.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.25, subsection 7, Code 2024, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. For purposes of this section, "*therapeutic classroom*"  
4 means a classroom designed for the purpose of providing support  
5 for any student whose emotional, social, or behavioral needs  
6 interfere with the student's ability to be successful in the  
7 current educational environment, with or without supports,  
8 until the student is able to successfully return to the  
9 student's current education environment, with or without  
10 supports, including but not limited to the general education  
11 classroom. The support provided by a therapeutic classroom  
12 shall also include all of the following:

13 a. Supporting student access to micronutrients, vitamin  
14 supplementation, and mineral supplementation, including vitamin  
15 "D" and vitamin "K2".

16 b. Assessing the macro-nutritional needs of students.

17 c. Providing minimally processed whole foods, including  
18 fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and healthy animal-derived fats  
19 and proteins, including eggs, full-fat dairy products, beef,  
20 and bacon.

21 d. Restricting the use and availability of artificial or  
22 synthetic food additives that may have an adverse effect on  
23 activity and attention in students.

24 e. Remediating the negative impacts of excessive use of  
25 digital screens and devices on human biology.

26 f. Increasing student exposure to natural light or the light  
27 emitted by full spectrum lighting fixtures.

28 g. Carrying out any other scientifically supported  
29 initiative that a school district reasonably believes will  
30 improve emotional, social, and behavioral health outcomes among  
31 students.

32 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — THERAPEUTIC CLASSROOM  
33 INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the  
34 general fund of the state to the department of education for  
35 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,

1 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
2 to be used for the purposes designated:

3 For deposit in the therapeutic classroom incentive fund  
4 established pursuant to section 256.25:  
5 ..... \$ 75,000,000

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill relates to the therapeutic classroom incentive  
10 program by authorizing the expenditure of moneys for certain  
11 nutritional items. The therapeutic classroom incentive  
12 program, administered by the department of education, provides  
13 competitive grants to school districts to establish classrooms  
14 that are designed for the purpose of providing support for any  
15 student whose emotional, social, or behavioral needs interfere  
16 with the student's ability to be successful in the current  
17 educational environment, with or without supports, until the  
18 student is able to successfully return to the student's current  
19 education environment, with or without supports, including  
20 the general education classroom. The bill provides that  
21 the support provided by a therapeutic classroom is required  
22 to include supporting student access to micronutrients and  
23 vitamins, assessing the macro-nutritional needs of students,  
24 providing minimally processed whole foods, restricting the  
25 use and availability of certain artificial or synthetic food  
26 additives, remediating the negative impacts of excessive use  
27 of digital screens, increasing student exposure to natural  
28 light or the light emitted by full spectrum lighting fixtures,  
29 and carrying out any other scientifically supported initiative  
30 that a school district reasonably believes will improve student  
31 health. The bill appropriates \$75 million from the general  
32 fund of the state to the therapeutic classroom incentive fund  
33 for FY 2024-2025.